



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5663

LCO No. 960

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NO-FAULT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to (1) require that any
2 person whose name does not appear on the registry list on the day of
3 an election, for any reason, be provided a "no-fault provisional ballot",
4 which allows the person to vote for candidates for all offices on the
5 ballot at the election, (2) require the registrars of voters, within a
6 certain number of days after the election, to check the identity of each
7 person who casts a no-fault provisional ballot to see if such persons
8 were eligible to vote, (3) provide that if a person casts a no-fault
9 provisional ballot in a polling place in the wrong district, the votes cast
10 for candidates for whom the person was not eligible to vote, because
11 the person lives in a different district than the candidate's district, shall
12 not be counted, and (4) require that the provisions of this act shall
13 replace existing law concerning provisional ballots and the inactive
14 voter lists.

Statement of Purpose:

To create a simple and easy system for ensuring that each eligible person is permitted to cast his or her vote at an election where the person's name is not found on the election day voter list, regardless of who is at fault for such omission.